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6530	-	DESTROYED	-	-	
6531	-	DESTROYED	-	-	
6532	8-13-68	NY LETTER TO LA	7	-	FILE 10-3-78 NY FILE # 100-37158-2610
6533	7-25-68	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	Process 7-27-78 FILE NY FILE # 100-109849
6534	7-18-68	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
6535	7-31-68	NY LETTER TO NR	4	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
6536	8-6-68	NY LETTER TO AL	7	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
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6539	9-4-68	NY LETTER TO CV	2	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
6540	9-11-68	ATT TO 6541	1	1	
6541	9-12-68	SA MEMO TO FILE	2	2	
6542	9-13-68	INFORMANT REPORT	2	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
6543	10-11-68	SA MEMO TO FILE	3	3	Process 9-27-78 F1268 NY FILE # 100-109849
6544	10-16-68	INFORMANT REPORT	1	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
6545	9-20-68	SAC LETTER	1	1	
6546	10-2-68	INFORMANT REPORT	1	0	
6547	10-23-68	NY LETTER TO PH	8	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
6548	10-4-68	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
6549	10-22-68	NY LETTER TO PH	2	-	NY FILE # 100-37158

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6552	11-13-68	NY LETTER TO NH	9	-	<sup>plus 10-3-78</sup> NY FILE # 100-37158-2626
6553	11-14-68	LA REPORT	13	13	
6554	11-14-68	SA MEMO TO FILE	3	3	<sup>Process</sup> NY FILE # 100-109899
6555	11-22-68	CG LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
6556	11-29-68	SF REPORT	8	8	
6557	-	DESTROYED	-	-	
6558	12-9-68	SA MEMO TO FILE	3	3	
6559	12-24-68	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
6560	12-31-68	NY LETTER TO NR	5	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
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at Los Angeles.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report the activities of the LACOMs on a six-month basis.

One copy each of this report is being furnished to Chicago, San Diego, and San Francisco, for their information since it has been established there is a close alliance between the Los Angeles Committee and the Sobell Committees of those areas.

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LOCATION

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LACFMS bank account (instant report, page 5 )

Security First  
National Bank,  
215 West Sixth  
Street, Los Angeles

b7D

LA T-6

LA 3469-S\*

Secondary documentation,  
EVELYN BURETT FREEMAN

LA T-7

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## Title:

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

## Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

## Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS

For the purpose of consistency and brevity, the Committee to Free Morton Sobell will be abbreviated as the CFMS and the Los Angeles Committee to Free Morton Sobell as the LACFMS.

All the meetings and activities reported herein occurred in Los Angeles, California, unless otherwise indicated.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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I. SCOPE

[REDACTED] 62

As of April, 1968, the LACFMS was composed solely of the Los Angeles Area Chapter and is commonly called the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

II. CHARACTERIZATION

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The LACFMS (See CFMS Appendix) is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of the CFMS

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

III. AIMS AND PURPOSES

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Between October, 1967, and April, 1968, the aim and purpose of the LACFMS was to work in behalf of MORTON SOBELL and obtain support and publicity for further legal action to obtain his freedom.

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IV. HEADQUARTERS

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As of April, 1968, there was no headquarters of the LACFMS and the committee receives its mail at Post Office Box 8552, Los Angeles, California, 90008.

V. OFFICERS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b1

Informant described the organization as very loose-knit with meetings being held in various residences. Informant advised none of the above individuals have actual titles and operate the LACFMS as a group.

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NAT CORNER

[REDACTED]

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Informant identified photographs of NAT CORNER taken while he participated in a picket line in front of the Federal Building, Los Angeles, protesting House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings being held in that building between April 24, and April 27, 1962.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JEAN SINCLAIR

[REDACTED]

On August 27, 1966, JEAN SINCLAIR attended a "People's World" (PW) Fund Raising Affair at 4946 Marathon Street, Los Angeles. DOROTHY HEALEY, who has been publicly identified as the chairman of the SODCP, was the principal speaker at this meeting. b7D

The PW is a west coast communist weekly newspaper.

A. LACFMS STAFF

[REDACTED]

There is presently no staff of the LACFMS and the Los Angeles Area Chapter handles all functions and activities.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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As of April 16, 1968, "The Sobell Committee" maintained bank account number 13-953 in the Security First National Bank, 253 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. The balance in the account as of this date was \$358.80. There were no checks in the account at the time of audit and source stated there had been no significant activity within the last 90 days. The persons currently authorized to sign checks on this account were EVELYN FREEMAN and SOPHIE DAVIDSON.

The above information is not to be made public except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to the manager of the above bank.

EVELYN LOUISE BURKETT FREEMANLA T-6 (11/29/50)

As of January 29, 1950, EVELYN BURKETT was the Executive Secretary of the Music Division, Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council (See Southern California Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Appendix).

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VIII. ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED] b2  
On August 12, 1967, there was a LACFMS luncheon honoring ROSE SOBELL at 1251 South St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles.

ROSE SOBELL spoke about the status of the legal action in behalf of her son HORTON SOBELL.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b1  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b1  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b1

IX. POLITICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

[REDACTED] b2  
Informant advised the main organizational activity of the LACFMS during this period was the arranging of functions for the benefit of the CEMS.

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XI. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

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B. "MORNING FREIHEIT" (HP) (SEE APPENDIX)

In the HP of April 4, 1968, on Page 3, was an article entitled "Morton Sobell--18 Years Behind Bars" written by SARAH FEL-YELLIN. The article described the trial of SOBELL and of the ROSENBERGS (above) and the subsequent work of the "National Sobell Committee." The article concluded that those interested should press for a review of SOBELL's case and for his freedom.

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C. "PEOPLE'S WORLD"

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PH [REDACTED] at a meeting for the benefit of the  
SOPHIE DAVIDSON announced a future dinner for the benefit of the LACFES. b7D

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the name "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In August, 1956, the name "Committee to Free Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on March 20, 1967, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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APPENDIX"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised, December 1, 1961, page 193, states:

1. The Communist International "subsidized \* \* \* the founding of the CPUSA's newspaper, Freiheit".

(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 18, 1956, p. 159.)

2. A "Communist Yiddish daily".

(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

3. "The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century."

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS,  
SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued by the House Un-American Activities Committee dated December 1, 1961, page 225, contains the following information concerning the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:

1. Cited as "one of the major Communist-dominated propaganda media on the Pacific Coast." It is located at 7410 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1955, pp. 392 and 393; also cited in 1951 Report, p. 263.)

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Los Angeles, California

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Title COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c  
dated and captioned as above at  
Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>IS-C</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/15/68 at **b7C**  
Chicago.  
Bureau letter to Chicago 5/2/68.

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ENCLOSURESTO BUREAU

Enclosed are two copies of revised characterization of Chicago Sobell Committee for Bureau approval.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will await Bureau approval of revised characterization and continue to follow and report activities of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prior to over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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The attached report has been classified confidential because it contains information of utmost value furnished by [REDACTED] the disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of these informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof. b2

Copies of this report are being furnished to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston; OSI and NISO, Chicago, because of their continued interest in this organization.

DAVID L. SOLTNER and Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER who are mentioned in this report as the guiding force behind the Chicago Sobell Committee and who reside in the Chicago area, are Security Index subjects of the Chicago Division.

INFORMANTS

Source

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Anonymous

Information regarding Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTNER

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Field Office File #: 100-25530

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) is an affiliate of captioned organization. As of May, 1968, the CSC was operating out of Room 714, 192 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. DAVID L. SOLTKE is the guiding force behind the CSC and is assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTKE, his wife. CSC finances and activities set out.

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DETAILS:

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, mentioned in this report, has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organizations mentioned in this report which have not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the appendix section of this report:

Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights  
Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights,  
formerly known as Chicago Joint Defense Committee  
to Defeat the Smith Act  
Chicago Sobell Committee

Committee to Free Morton Sobell

Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Chicago Chapter  
Fair Play for Cuba Committee  
Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born  
National Lawyers Guild, Chicago Chapter  
National Lawyers Guild

I. CHARACTERIZATION

The Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) is the Chicago, Illinois, affiliate of the Committee to Free Morton Sobell (CFMS) which has its headquarters in New York City.

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence in the custody of the Attorney General.

## II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

DAVID L. SOLTAKER is the guiding force behind the CSC and is assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTAKER, his wife.

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advised that the CSC is an occupant of Room 714, 192 North Clark Street, Chicago. [REDACTED] further advised that the room is rented to DAVID L. SOLTAKER. b7D

On May 10, 1968, it was observed by SA DANIEL J. HURLEY that the directory in the building at 192 North Clark Street, Chicago, reflected the CSC was an occupant of Room 714; also a sign on the door of Room 714 carries the name Chicago Sobell Committee.

### DAVID L. SOLTAKER

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On October 21, 1960, DAVID SOLTAKER was in attendance at a public meeting sponsored by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) entitled "Report from Cuba" held at Chicago. Featured speakers were ROBERT TABER, former CBS correspondent and Executive Secretary of the National FPCC, and CARLTON BEALS, Chairman of the National FPCC.

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### Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTAKER

The files of the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the

name of Mrs. DAVID (GERTRUDE) SOLTKE appeared as a signer of the CP Election Petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

GERTRUDE SOLTKE as of 1943 was a member of the CP.

(CG T-3, 1943)

On August 2, 1960, GERTRUDE SOLTKE attended the 70th birthday celebration of PEARL M. HART, President, National Lawyers Guild-Chicago Chapter, at Chicago. This affair was sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights.

### III. FINANCES

The CSC raises funds through sustainers, solicitations and contributions from individuals and the holding of public affairs.

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The following information regarding the CSC bank account maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, was furnished by [REDACTED] on the dates indicated. The information furnished by [REDACTED] is no longer in his possession and the information is not to be made public except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Information concerning checks drawn against the CSC is no longer in the possession of [REDACTED] or the bank. b7D

CG 100-25530

Month	Date of Opening Balance	Amount of Opening Balance	Date of Closing Balance	Amount of Closing Balance	Total Deposits	Total Amount of Withdrawals
February 1967	1/31/67	\$408.95	2/29/67	\$342.47	\$ 40.00	\$ 106.48
March, 1967	2/29/67	342.47	3/31/67	311.24	0	31.23
April, 1967	3/31/67	311.24	4/30/67	284.81	5.00	31.43
May, 1967	4/30/67	284.81	5/31/67	514.41	313.83	84.23
June, 1967	5/31/67	514.41	6/30/67	241.38	58.50	331.53
July, 1967	6/30/67	241.38	7/31/67	209.98	0	31.40
August 1967	7/31/67	209.98	8/31/67	178.49	0	31.49
September 1967	8/31/67	178.49	9/30/67	163.14	56.50	71.85
October 1967	9/30/67	163.14	10/31/67	180.31	69.00	51.83
November 1967	10/31/67	180.31	11/30/67	171.52	63.00	71.79
December 1967	11/30/67	171.52	12/29/67	351.65	1,513.33	1,333.20
January 1968	12/29/67	351.65	1/31/68	445.32	125.25	31.48
February 1968	1/31/68	445.32	2/29/68	450.08	66.00	61.34

(CG T-5, 3/17/67-4/2/68)

IV. ACTIVITIES

On May 21, 1967, the CSC held a theatre fund raising performance in Chicago at the Columbia School of Drama, 510 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. Approximately 80 persons attended the performance and no speeches were made.

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On May 10, 1968, source advised the CSC holds only one or two affairs a year, such as a white elephant sale or a theatre party in order to raise funds.

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On October 5, 1967, a source furnished a letter from the CSC, 192 North Clark Street, Room 714, Chicago, dated September, 1967. This letter was addressed Dear Collector and signed by GERTRUDE SOLTNER for the committee. The letter was an appeal for funds to be supplied to the national office to fight SOBELL's legal battles. It mentioned that the legal fight to free SOBELL was on its way to the Supreme Court and funds were needed to aid in this battle.

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CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) maintains headquarters in Rooms 801-803, 431 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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He outlined its aims and purposes as being to obtain mass support to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and to defend Smith Act and Taft-Hartley victims. He said there would be no formal affiliation with any other national organization having the same purposes.

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A second source advised on October 31, 1960, that the CCDBR was formerly organized on October 26, 1960, with RICHARD CRILEY as Executive Secretary after he motivated organizing the meeting of October 26, 1960.

A third source advised on May 15, 1967, that the original stated purposes of the CCDBR continue to be adhered to, with CRILEY continuing as the motivating force behind the Committee. The Board of Directors, however, now includes many individuals in the religious, educational and labor fields who are not known as CP members.

CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS  
Formerly known as Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act

A source advised on April 15, 1958, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956.

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[REDACTED] the name of the CJDC was changed to the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR). The purpose of the CCDDR, according to its "Statement of Principles and Organization" was to "...defend and extend the human rights embodied in the Bill of Rights...and to put an end to the political and racial persecution which threaten American democracy today". b7D

The second source further advised on May 18, 1960, that as of May, 1960, the CCDDR continued to function within the framework of its stated principles and that in accordance with its "Statement of Principles and Organization" had a number of "Working Committees" which included the Chicago Smith Act Families Committee, South Side Freedom Committee, and Taft-Hartley Working Committee. The source further stated that as of May, 1960, RICHARD CRILEY was serving as the Executive Secretary of the CCDDR.

This same source advised on February 1, 1961, that the CCDDR continued to operate until October 26, 1960, when the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) was formed and the offices and assets of what was formerly the CCDDR were taken over by the CCDBR. At the October 26, 1960, meeting, a referendum for approval of the above described action was called for, and subsequently votes were solicited from "associates" of the old CCDDR. The source further advised that no formal dissolution meeting of the CCDDR was ever held, but for all intents and purposes, the CCDDR ceased to exist on October 26, 1960, and CRILEY, its Executive Secretary, since that time.

RICHARD CRILEY, according to a third source, was a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, as of February, 1961.

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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

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advised that the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) rents Room 714, 192 North Clark Street, Chicago. b7D

A source advised on April 19, 1962, that the CSC, which was also known as the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, since its inception in 1952 had been an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell with headquarters in New York.

In August, 1966, the name "Committee to Free Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee in New York.

A second source advised on May 8, 1964, that DAVID L. SOLTAKER appeared to be the guiding force behind this Committee and is assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTAKER, his wife.

A third source advised on February 17, 1967, that the CSC maintains a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, and that DAVID SOLTAKER is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the CSC.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTAKER appear as signers of the Communist Party (CP) Election Petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

A fourth source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTAKER as of 1943 was a member of the CP.

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("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

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The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on March 20, 1967, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE,  
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised in October, 1960, that the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was formed during the summer of 1960 at Chicago, Illinois, under the direct guidance and leadership of RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the State Committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois.

A second source in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled "What Is Really Happening in Cuba?" distributed by the FPCC in Chicago. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship, and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflet reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of information bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums; providing speakers, movies, and slides for meetings of interested organizations, placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

A third source advised on March 9, 1964, that there has been no activity of the FPCC in Chicago since late November, 1963, and for all intents and purposes the organization is defunct.

The mailing address for the FPCC, Chicago Chapter, is Post Office Box 4474, Chicago 80, Illinois.

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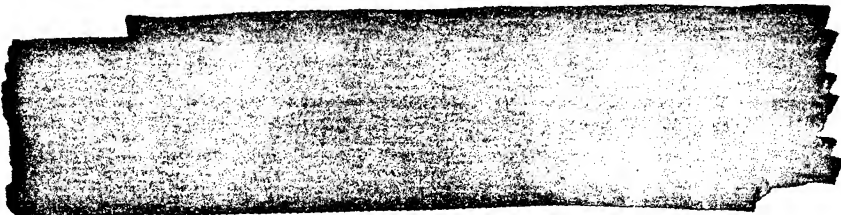
FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. This source added that during the past year there had been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that their influence as of May, 1963, was negligible.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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The November 23, 1963, edition of "The New York Times" reported that Senator THOMAS J. DODD of Connecticut had called FPCC "the chief public relations instrument of the Castro network in the United States." It is to be noted that Senator DODD was a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which twice conducted hearings on the FPCC.

The December 27, 1963, edition of "The New York World Telegram and Sun" newspaper stated that the pro-CASTRO FPCC was seeking to go out of business and that its prime activity during its lifetime had been sponsorship of pro-CASTRO street rallies and mass picket lines, and the direction of an active propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. Its comparatively brief span of life was attributed to mounting anti-CASTRO American public opinion, the 1962 Congressional hearings which disclosed FPCC financing by CASTRO's United Nations Delegation, and ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin LEE H. OSWALD.

On February 6, 1964, the previously mentioned second source advised that V. T. LEE had recently remarked that the FPCC was dead and that there were no plans to organize another similar organization.

On April 13, 1964, a third source advised that there had not been any FPCC activity in many months and that the FPCC had been dissolved.

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MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR  
PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

A source on December 17, 1965, advised that the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) from March, 1962, to the latter part of 1965 maintained an office in Room 422, 431 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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advised that the MCPFB was founded at a conference in Chicago, Illinois, on May 25, 1947, and was to operate as the midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB). 670

A second source on May 5, 1955, advised that the MCPFB in a "Statement of Principles" issued in April, 1955, noted that: "The purpose of the Midwest Committee shall be to seek to perpetuate for the foreign born the fundamental concepts of equality, regardless of race, color, creed, nationality, political belief or place of birth, and to preserve the basic ideals of liberty and hospitality which serve as the guarantees of democracy for all Americans."

According to a third source, as of September, 1965, the MCPFB was still functioning as the midwest organization of the ACPFB but was considering the possibility of dissolving and turning over its work and responsibilities to the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR).

This same source on December 27, 1965, advised that the MCPFB had ceased activity and had turned over its office and responsibilities to the CCDBR and for all intents and purposes was defunct.

The ACPFB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIXNATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD  
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised on May 9, 1967, that it was his understanding that the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) was formed around 1936 in New York City, and that the Chicago Chapter of the NLG (CCNLG), which is affiliated with the national group in New York, was formed shortly thereafter, possibly in 1937 by a group of liberal progressive lawyers in protest against activities of the American Bar Association which they claimed was a non-liberal, non-progressive organization. The CCNLG has no established headquarters and occasionally uses the return address of its officials in literature.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., states as follows on page 121 concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities,  
House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action  
Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House  
Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild,  
September 21, 1950, originally related  
September 17, 1950.)

-"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confined of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate  
Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans,  
S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Chicago, Illinois

*May 22, 1968*

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Report of Special Agent  
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captioned as above at Chicago. **b7c**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

New York, New York

MAY 31 1968

Bureau File 100-387835  
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Re: Committee to Free Morton Sobell  
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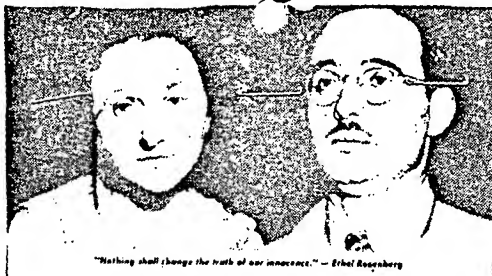
The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on April 12, 1968, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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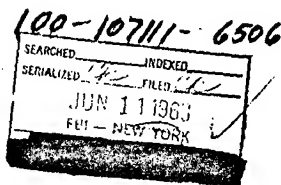
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## Morton Sobell Files for Retrial

A new motion to set aside the 1951 conviction of Morton Sobell as an atom spy was filed yesterday by his lawyers in U. S. District Court in Foley Square.

Sobell, 50, is serving a 30-year sentence in Lewisburg, Pa. for conspiring with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and others to sell American atomic secrets to Soviet agents from 1940 to 1950.

The Rosenbergs were executed after being convicted.

In yesterday's motion, the lawyers asked that Sobell's conviction be set aside and he be set free or a new trial be ordered and he be released in bail.

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COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL  
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Page four of the June 14, 1968, issue of "The Militant" carries an announcement to the effect that captioned organization will sponsor a memorial meeting and concert to be held June 19, 1968, at Carnegie Recital Hall, New York City. Insure that appropriate coverage is afforded this affair and promptly advise the Bureau of the results in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

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Attached are first and last sections of file. The first section contains the green sheets listing the following exhibits to be reviewed.

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## 15th anniversary of Rosenberg execution

June 19 was the 15th anniversary of the executions of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted as traitors to the United States who had given the secrets of the atom bomb to the Soviet Union.

Norton Sobell, a co-defendant of the Rosenbergs, is completing his 18th year in prison but is expected to be released sometime next year. The many appeals of Sobell's conviction are proving in the federal courts that the Rosenbergs were executed for a crime they didn't commit. During one of these appeal motions, in August, 1966, affidavits of top scientists who worked on the bomb established that the "atom-bomb chart" the Rosenbergs allegedly stole and gave to the Russians was "worthless" and only a "caricature."

A book published last year on their case—"Invitation to an Inquest," by Walter and Miriam Schneir and published by

Doubleday—explains that the Rosenbergs were not even charged in their indictment with stealing atom bomb secrets. A key government witness later admitted that he had lied under oath many times and agents of the FBI were involved in forging one of the most vital pieces of "evidence," according to the Schneirs.

Irving Saypol was the prosecutor of the Rosenbergs and Sobell. Roy Cohn, who later became famous as Senator Joe McCarthy's chief counsel, was his special assistant.

The Eisenhower administration ignored protests from all over the world and carried out the executions on June 19, 1953. Judge Irving Kaufman said he sentenced the Rosenbergs to death because he considered the "theft" had enabled the Russians to build their own atomic bomb and launch the Korean War.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-387835)  
1 - New York (100-90311) (SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION  
CHARACTERIZATION) (#42)  
1 - New York (100-107111)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED] (INV) *b7D*

DATE: 7/10/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (# 42) *b7C*

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *b7D*

## Dates of Contact

7/1/68

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

## Purpose and results of contact

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① - (100-107111)(SOBELL COMMITTEE)(# 41)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 10, 19681

The following checks were among those drawn against the bank account of the Sobell Committee:

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser
6365	6/3/68	Ysobel Sandler	\$2341.79	Chase Manhattan (Cal. NY Times)
6366	6/3/68	150 Estates	190.00	Chase Manhattan (June Rent)
6374	6/10/68	Dell Distributors, Inc.	1323.00	Irving Tr. Co. (Dell Books)
6380	6/19/68	Jeff Killian	100.00	Sobell Comm
6377	6/17/68	Carnegie Hall Corp.	62.25	1st Nat'l City (Cal. 6/19 Meeting)
6387	6/21/68	Norman Kramer	367.50	Kramer Art Chemical NY Tr. Co. (Layouts)
6385	6/25/68	Ysobel Sandler	960.41	Chase Manhattan
6391	6/27/68	Cash	114.00	Leah Schneider

The balance as of 6/30/68, \$484.52.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The officer to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] (Chemical New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. b7D

On 7/1/68 at Chemical New York Trust Co. 154 5th Avenue File # NY 100-107111  
by SA [REDACTED] lld b7C Date dictated 7/8/68

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (42) b7c  
FROM : SA [REDACTED] (45)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL Date prepared  
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Date received

7/2/68

Received from (name or symbol number)

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Received by

SA [REDACTED]

7/25/68

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☒ in person

☐ by telephone

☐ by mail

☒ orally

☐ recording device

☐ written by Informant b7c

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated

to

7/3/68 SA [REDACTED] b7c

Transcribed

Authenticated  
by Informant

Date of Report

7/2/68

Date(s) of activity

6/19/68

Brief description of activity or material

Memorial Meeting of Committee to Free

MORTON SOBELL.

File where original is located if not attached

[REDACTED] b7d

\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.  
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

- 1 - Newark [REDACTED] (RM)  
10 - New York [REDACTED] (45) b7d

- 1 - 100-109949  
1 - 100-147040  
1 - 100-116566  
1 - 100-128869  
1 - 100-135206  
1 - 100-135207  
1 - 100-83201

- (HELEN SOBELL) (45)  
(MARK SOBELL) (45)  
(SIDNEY SOBELL) (45)  
(ROSE SOBELL) (45)  
(WALTER SCHNEIR) (45)  
(MIRIAM SCHNEIR) (45)  
(PETE SEEGER) (46)

1 - 100-107111 (42)

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On 6/19/68, a memorial meeting and concert, sponsored by the Committee to Free Morton Sobell, was held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, starting at 7:00 PM.

Carnegie Hall was filled with people, including those standing in the rear and in the side aisles.

The following individuals were present:


HELEN SOBELL, MORTON's wife, who was the chairman.  
SOBELL's son, who appeared to be the organizer.  
SOBELL's daughter, who accompanied a male singer at the piano.

ROSE SOBELL, MORTON's mother, who spoke about her son's imprisonment.

WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR, who both spoke of the injustice of MORTON SOBELL's prosecution.

PETE SEEGER, who played the guitar and sang songs protesting the arrest and execution of the ROSENBERGS, and the arrest and jailing of MORTON SOBELL.

Dr. EMILY ALMAN, billed as an associate professor of Sociology from Rutgers University, who also spoke for about twenty minutes.

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Printed envelopes were distributed among the audience for a collection.

The affair ended with the raffle of a drawing said to have been made by PICASSO.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-107111)

FROM : SUPV. [REDACTED] #42) *b7c*

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

DATE: 7/18/68

Case being reopened for submission of report  
due 9/15/68.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 8/13/68

The following checks were among those drawn against the bank account of Sobell Committee:

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser
6383	6/25/68	MARZANI & MUNSELL	\$ 20.00	Amalgamated
6398	7/10/68	ROSE SOBELL	100.00	Sobell Committee
6402	7/24/68	Cash	217.68	LEAH SCHNEIDER

The balance as of 7/31/68, \$940.03.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The officer to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chemical New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York. b7D

Chemical New York Trust Co.  
154 Fifth Avenue

File # NY 100-107111-64 6537

On 8/1/68

at

by SA [REDACTED] b7C

Date dictated 8/7/68

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED] (INV) **b7D** DATE: 8/13/68

FROM : A [REDACTED] (42) **b7C** ☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] **b7D** ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

## Dates of Contact

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## Titles and File #s on which contacted

## Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
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☐ STATISTIC

1-100-107111 (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (44)

1-104-28859 (ROSE SOBELL) (46)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 11, 19681.

The following checks were among those drawn against the bank account of THE SOBELL COMMITTEE:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser</u>
6419	----	Cash	\$ 90.00	Donald Gurewitz
6422	8/16/68	Cash	30.00	Donald Gurewitz
6423	8/2/68	Cash	60.00	Donald Gurewitz
6418	8/2/68	150 Estates	190.00	Chase Manhattan (Aug. Rent)
6416	8/1/68	Cash	217.68	Leah Schneider

The balance as of 8/31/68, \$1,268.64.

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[REDACTED] Chemical New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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On 9/3/68 at Chemical New York Trust Co. File # NY 100-107111-6540  
154 Fifth Avenue  
 by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/9/68  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED] b7D

DATE: 9/12/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (42) b7C

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7D

## Dates of Contact

- 9/3/68

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DATE 10/11/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] # 42) b7c

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7d

## Dates of Contact

10/1/68

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☐ STATISTIC

- 1 - Cleveland (100-DON GUREWITZ)
- ① - (100-107111) (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (41)
- 1 - (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL) (41)
- 1 - (100-57695) (YSOBEL SANDLER) (45)
- 1 - (100-132801) (LEAH SCHNEIDER) (47)

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Date October 10, 19681.

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6428	9/4/68	150 Estates	\$ 190.00	Chase Manhattan (Rent)
6429	9/4/68	Ysobel Sandler	315.22	Chase Manhattan
6433	9/10/68	Forer & Rein	1365.52	Nat'l Bk of WDC
6434	9/10/68	The Hecla Press	500.00	1st Nat'l City
6443	9/11/68	Ysobel Sandler	205.01	Chase Manhattan
6427	9/3/68	Donald Gurewitz	60.00	Nat'l City Cleveland Ohio
6449	9/19/68	Cash	30.00	Helen Sobell
6453	9/26/68	Cash	132.31	Leah Schneider

The balance as of 9/30/68, \$602.63.

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The officer to be subpoenaed is GEORGE MAJOR, Assistant Vice President, Chemical New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

On 10/1/68 at Chemical New York Tr.Co. 154 5th Avenue File # NY 100-107111

by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 10/7/68

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

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10/4/68

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO FREE  
MORTON SOBELL  
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Case agent was assigned to more expeditious matters, including Principal Subject of ARL case evolving from recent Democratic Convention in Chicago, to which agent devoted full time investigation.

Captioned matter will be given immediate attention and report will be submitted by 10/27/68.

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1- New York

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COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL  
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SA to captioned matter assigned for semi-annual report has been continuously engaged in priority special relating to principal subject, ARL case, arising from recent Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Ill.

It is contemplated that SA handling captioned matter will be in a position to dictate on the captioned matter which is already in production on or before 11/11/68.

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1- New York  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>JMS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - C; ISA, 1950</b>	
		APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF <b>[REDACTED]</b> DATE <b>[REDACTED]</b>	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 3/15/68, at **b7c**  
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Report of:

CHARLES B. YOUNG, JR.  
11/8/68

Office: New York, New York

Date:

Field Office File #: 100-107111

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title:

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Synopsis:

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the Committee To Free MORTON SOBELL is included in the Appendix of this report.

For the purpose of brevity, the Committee To Free MORTON SOBELL will be abbreviated by the initials CFMS where appropriate in this report.

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court (USDC), Southern District of New York (SDNY), on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence in the custody of the United States Attorney General.

#### I. LOCATION

CFMS Headquarters and the New York CFMS office are both located in Room 1103, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

#### II. OFFICERS

A letter dated November 1, 1968, on the stationery of CFMS, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, and distributed by CFMS, listed Mrs. MORTON SOBELL (HELEN SOBELL) and Mrs. ROSE SOBELL as Chairmen of CFMS. EVELYN HARAP was listed as the Chairman of the New York CFMS.



NY 100-107111

HELEN SOBELL

On February 2, 1944 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D. C., as of February 1, 1944. b7D

ROSE SOBELL

[REDACTED] advised that the SOBELL family had resided at this address from about July, 1931, to December, 1940. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and the source added that, although he believed ROSE SOBELL to be a CP member because of this, he could not confirm her as a member of the CP or Communist front organization. b7D

EVELYN HARAP

This source advised that EVELYN HARAP was a member of the Chelsea-Lincoln Square Section of the CP. [REDACTED]

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AARON KATZ

AARON KATZ was a member of the CP for six years and had been transferred into the Waterrfront Section of the CP on December 23, 1943. According to the source, AARON KATZ in 1944, held CP Membership Book Number 31250.

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April 27, 1968

XII. FINANCES

The information furnished below by [redacted] is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. These sources have advised that they do not retain custody of the basic documents from which the listed check information was obtained. b70

In the event information furnished by [redacted] is used, the person to be subpoenaed is [redacted] (Chemical Bank-New York Trust Company (CHNYT), 154 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. b70

The account of CHNYT at the CHNYT, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York City, indicated a balance as of February 28, 1968, of \$867.00, with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
February 2, 1968	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$500.00
February 7, 1968	Forer and Rein	\$500.00
February 21, 1968	Cash	\$102.18 (Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)

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The account of GEMS indicated a balance as of March 29, 1968, of \$709.84, with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

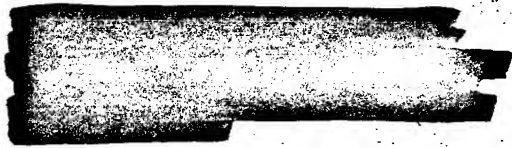
<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
February 28, 1968	YSOBEL SANDLER	\$1118.79
March 12, 1968	YSOBEL SANDLER	\$92.06
March 1, 1968	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$250.00
March 21, 1968	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$250.00
March 1, 1968	Forer and Rein	\$825.37
March 18, 1968	Forer and Rein	\$451.54
March 20, 1968	Cash	\$84.00 (Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)
		March 29, 1968

YSOBEL GUNDY SANDLER

YSOBEL GUNDY SANDLER paid her dues to the Stuyvesant Club, CT, in June, 1944.


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June 19, 1944

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The account of CFMS indicated a balance as of April 30, 1968, of \$3,771.03, with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
April 10, 1968	Cash	\$284.00 (Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)
April 11, 1968	YSOBEL SANDLER	\$84.60
April 15, 1968	YSOBEL SANDLER	\$1,998.00
		 April 30, 1968

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The account of CFMS indicated a balance as of May 31, 1968, of \$4,426.11, with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
April 26, 1968	MARSHALL PERLIN	\$250.00
May 2, 1968	YSOBEL SANDLER	\$395.00
May 15, 1968	Cash	\$133.86 (Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)
May 22, 1968	Cash	\$300.00 (Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)



April 30, 1968  
June 3,

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The account of CFMS indicated a balance as of June 30, 1968, of \$484.52, with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 3, 1968	YSORREL SANDLER	\$2,241.79
June 25, 1968	YSORREL SANDLER	\$960.41
June 27, 1968	Cash	\$114.00 (Endorsed LEAZ SCHNEIDER)
June 10, 1968	Dell Distributing Company	\$1,325.00 (Endorsement in- dicated for 2,000 "Inquests")

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The book "Invitation To An Inquest,  
A New Look At The Rosenberg-Sobell  
Case" was written by WALTER and MIRIAM  
SCHNEIR.

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HARRY GOLD

HARRY GOLD, who was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage and received 30 years imprisonment, testified as a government witness in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. GOLD served 15 years of his sentence in the custody of the United States Attorney General and was paroled in May, 1965.

The account of CFMS indicated a balance as of July 31, 1968, of \$940.03, with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

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Date of Check

Payee

Amount

July 10, 1968

ROSE SOBELL

\$100.00

July 24, 1968

Cash

\$217.68  
(Endorsed LEAH  
SCHNEIDER)

The account of CFMS indicated a balance as of August 31, 1968, of \$1,268.64, with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

Date of Check

Payee

Amount

August 2, 1968

Cash

\$60.00  
(Endorsed DONALD  
GUREWITZ)

August 16, 1968

Cash

\$80.00  
(Endorsed DONALD  
GUREWITZ)

August 1, 1968

Cash

\$217.68  
(Endorsed LEAH  
SCHNEIDER)

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A characterization of the YSA ap-  
pears in the Appendix of this  
report.

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The account of CPMS indicated a balance as of September 30, 1968, of \$602.63, with the following pertinent checks drawn against the account:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payer</u>	<u>Amount</u>
September 3, 1968	DONALD GUREWITZ	\$50.00
September 10, 1968	Forex and Rein	\$1,365.52
September 11, 1968	YSOBEL, SANDLER	\$205.02
September 26, 1968	Cash	\$132.31 (Endorsed LEAH SCHNEIDER)

September 30, 1968

#### IV. ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS OF CPMS

On April 11, 1967, the CPMS sponsored a meeting at Hunter College, 69th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, in honor of MORTON SOBELL's 50th birthday with approximately 1,000 persons attending.

The program was moderated by WALTER and MARIAM SCHNEIER, who took turns introducing speakers and making announcements.

Laudatory messages regarding SOBELL from various notables were read to the audience by WALTER SCHNEIER.

Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON, gave a highly emotional talk extolling MORTON's virtues, his exemplary behavior and attitude while imprisoned and his hopes for eventual freedom.



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A characterization of "The  
Guardian" appears in the Ap-  
pendix of this report.  
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By letter dated March 12, 1968, to "Dear Friends",  
HELEN SOBELL, for CPMS reported that the United States Attorney  
General had informed MORTON SOBELL's lawyers that nine months  
of the time spent in prison by SOBELL before his trial and also  
while his case was being appealed would be credited toward his  
30 year sentence.

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Based on the above, the letter stated that the release date for SCHELL was now not later than July of 1959.

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The "Morning Freiheit" of April 4, 1958, pages two and three, contained an article calling for a new hearing for MORTON SCHELL, based on new proof of his innocence.

A characterization of "Morning Freiheit" appears in the Appendix of this report.

"The Worker" of April 5, 1958, page 6, included an advertisement announcing the birthday of MORTON SCHELL, April 11, 1917, and requested that birthday greetings be sent to him.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

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The May 1, 1968, issue of the New York "Daily News", a daily New York City newspaper, contained an article on page 205 stating that MORTON SOBELL, on April 30, 1968, filed a petition in Federal Court, seeking his release on parole on July 28, 1968.

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The June 11, 1968, issue of "The Worker", page seven, contained an advertisement indicating that the CMU would sponsor, on June 19, 1968, at Carnegie Recital Hall, New York City, an affair in memory of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and in anticipation of MORTON SOBELL's release from prison in 1969. The ad included pictures of the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL and indicated that among the "Honored Guests" would be:

Dr. EMILY ALMAN  
Associate professor of Sociology  
Rutgers University;

FRITH SEGAL;

WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR;

ROSE SOBELL;

HELEN SOBELL.

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On June 19, 1958, at Carnegie Recital Hall, 154 West 57th Street, New York City, a memorial meeting for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG was sponsored by CFMS.

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 pm with BRIEN SOBELL introducing a "Special Guest", PETER SEEGER.

SEEGER stated that the only thing the ROSENBERGS were guilty of was wanting to see a free and better world. SEEGER sang several folk songs.

Dr. EMILY ALMAN told of her involvement in the CFMS since its beginning. She criticized the court system which convicted the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL, and which today can convict Dr. SPOCK, students and people living in ghettos. She called this a corrupt society.

WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEER were introduced. WALTER SCHNEER read a message from Rabbi RALPH BRICKNER who could not be present because he was involved in the Poor Peoples Campaign in Washington, D. C. In his message BRICKNER stated that he considered MORTON SOBELL to be a political prisoner.

An original PICASSO painting was raffled off at \$10.00 per chance.

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PETER SEEGER

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[REDACTED] identified PETER SEEGER on December 12, 1951, as a member of the CP [REDACTED] from 1947 to 1948.

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SEEGER declined to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956, resulting in an indictment in March of 1957 by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York charging contempt of Congress. He was found guilty in March, 1961, and sentenced to a year in prison in April of 1961, on each of the ten counts, sentence to run concurrently. In May, 1962, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the conviction of SEEGER and dismissed the indictment on the grounds that it was defective and that it did not sufficiently set out the authority for the Congressional Committee's inquiry.

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APPENDIX

1.

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

"AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the \* \* \* American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign' assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago, in October, 1953, and 'then the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case!....'"

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the name "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In August, 1966, the name "Committee to Free Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on April 12, 1968, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

APPENDIX

1.

THE "GUARDIAN" FORMERLY KNOWN AS  
"NATIONAL GUARDIAN" WEEKLY GUARDIAN  
ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"1. ... established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly... it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

The February 3, 1968 issue of the "National Guardian" announced that as of the issue of February 10, 1968, the "National Guardian" would henceforth be known as the "Guardian".

The February 10, 1968 issue of the "Guardian" is self-described as an "independent radical newsweekly" and is published by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated. The "Guardian" lists its address as 197 East 4th Street, New York, New York.

The February 12, 1968, issue of the "New York Times" carried an article entitled, "Radical Editors Say Their Job Is In 'Movement'". This article stated that the first issue of the "Guardian" was dedicated by the paper's staff "to those heroic liberation fighters who last week began a major offensive against American Imperialism in South Vietnam."

This article quoted one of the editors as saying that "Our job is to build a radical movement. To quote the Cuban revolutionaries, we are not only to write about it, but also to move along with it--we are movement people acting as journalists."

"The 'Guardian' takes a strong left position, but it is not identified with any organized group because it believes that an American left ideology is still in the making. One of its purposes is to break away from the cliches of the left ideology of the past."

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APPENDIX

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THE "GUARDIAN" CONT'D

This article concluded by stating that the "Guardian" is considered the largest radical weekly in America.

A characterization of the American Labor Party is attached separately.

APPENDIX

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

"Morning Freiheit

- "1. The Communist International 'subsidized \* \* \* the founding of the CP, USA's newspaper, Freiheit.'  
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 13, 1956, p. 159.)
- "2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'  
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1211 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

APPENDIX

1.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us". At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes", the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some Communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1606 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

APPENDIX

1.

"YOUNG SOCIALIST"

The "Young Socialist" is a magazine published monthly, except during the summer, by the Young Socialist Alliance. The October, 1984, edition, the initial edition utilizing the magazine format, relates that this magazine succeeds the "Young Socialist" newspaper in an effort to provide "more facts on more general issues than a small newspaper can".

The "Young Socialist" newspaper was formerly described as the official organ of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA).

The "Young Socialist" maintains office space at the headquarters of the YSA, Rooms 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City, and has a mailing address of Post Office Box 471, Cooper Station, New York, New York 10003.

A characterization of the YSA is set out separately.

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APPENDIX1.~~Top Secret~~YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960 issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles of revolutionary socialism.

On March 19, 1967, a source advised that the YSA was formed during 1957, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The source further advised that the YSA has recently become more open about admitting that it is the youth group of the SWP and that an SWP representative has publicly stated that the YSA is the SWP's youth group.

The National Headquarters of the YSA are located in Room 22-136, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

On October 31, 1967, a second source advised that at the 22nd National Convention of the SWP held in New York City from October 26, 1967, to October 29, 1967, it was stated that the YSA remained as the main recruiting ground for new SWP members.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of "Young Socialist" is set out separately.





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
November 8, 1968

~~TOP SECRET~~

Title Committee To Free Morton Sobell

Character Internal Security - C  
Internal Security Act, 1950

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
dated and captioned as above, at New York. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

~~TOP SECRET~~

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/15/68 at **b7c**  
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ADMINISTRATIVE

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Morton Sobell Committee was [REDACTED] **b7c**

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continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness. **b7D**

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One copy each of this report is being furnished to Chicago, San Diego, and San Francisco for their information since it has been established there is a close alliance between the Los Angeles Committee and the Sobell Committee of those areas.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will attempt to establish the existence of any new bank account for the Morton Sobell Committee at Los Angeles.

(2) Will follow and report the activities of the Los Angeles Committee to Free Morton Sobell on a six month basis.

INFORMANTS

SOURCE

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EVELYN LOUISE BURKETT FREEMAN

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Office: Los Angeles, California

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Title: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: As of October, 1968, there was no headquarters of the Los Angeles Committee to Free Morton Sobell (LACFMS), and mail was received at a Los Angeles Post Office Box. LACFMS composed solely of Los Angeles area chapter. [REDACTED] b7c  
Activities and subversive connections set out.

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DETAILS:

The Los Angeles Committee to Free Morton Sobell will be abbreviated as the LACFMS; Committee to Free Morton Sobell will be abbreviated as the CFMS.

SCOPE

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As of October, 1968, the LACFMS was composed solely of the Los Angeles area chapter, and is commonly called the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

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CHARACTERIZATION

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The LACFMS (See CFMS Appendix) is the Los Angeles, California affiliate of the CFMS.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on March 29, 1951, on a charge of Conspiracy to Commit Espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951 and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing-Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

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Between April, 1968, and October, 1968, the aim and purpose of the LACFMS was to work in behalf of MORTON SOBELL and obtain support and publicity for further legal action to obtain his freedom.

HEADQUARTERS

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As of October, 1968, there was no headquarters of the LACFMS and the committee receives its mail at Post Office Box 8652, Los Angeles, California, 90003.

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OFFICERS

By [REDACTED] by a Special Agent of the b7E  
FBI on November 12, 1966, it was established that there  
are no regularly appointed officers of the LACFMS. SOPHIE  
DAVIDSON, despite admitted current illness, continues to  
direct the LACFMS activities but is not considered the  
chairman of the committee. Correspondence is handled by  
NAT CORNER and SOPHIE DAVIDSON. SOPHIE DAVIDSON signs  
checks for the committee and JEAN SINCLAIR is the recording  
secretary. SINCLAIR has little knowledge of Sobell Committee  
activities and is really nothing more than a typist.

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NAT CORNER

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Informant identified photographs of NAT  
CORNER taken while he participated in a  
picket line in front of the Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, protesting House Committee on  
Un-American Activities hearings being held  
in that building between April 24 and April  
27, 1962.

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JEAN SINCLAIR

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On August 27, 1966, JEAN SINCLAIR attended a "People's World" (PW) fund-raising affair at 4946 Marathon Street, Los Angeles. DOROTHY HEALEY, who has been publicly identified as the chairman of the SCDOP, was the principal speaker at this meeting.

The PW is a West Coast weekly communist newspaper.

LACFMS STAFF

[REDACTED] b7D  
There is presently no staff of LACFMS and the Los Angeles area chapter handles all functions and activities.

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[REDACTED]  
FINANCES

LA T-2 (11/13/68)

The LACFMS had maintained a checking account, number 13-953 at the Security First National Bank, 253 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, using the name "The Sobell Committee." This account was closed on April 26, 1968, and the Security First National Bank has received no notification of any new account by the same name being opened in any other banking facility. At the time that the account was closed,



EVELYN FREEMAN and SOPHIE DAVIDSON were authorized to sign checks on the account.

The above information is not to be made public except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to the manager of the above bank.

EVELYN LOUISE BURKETT FREEMAN

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As of January 29, 1950, EVELYN BURKETT was the Executive Secretary of the Music Division, Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council. (See Southern California Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Appendix).

ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICITY

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Source made available a letter dated March, 1968, titled the Committee to Free Morton Sobell, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, 10011. This letter was circulated by the LACFMS. The letter advises of the Sobell Committee's success in getting the Federal Government to credit SOBELL for some of the time which he spent in prison prior to his trial and while his case was being appealed. The letter also asks monetary assistance be given by purchase of a book: "Invitation to an Inquest-A New Look At the Rosenberg-Sobell Case." This letter is signed by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, HELEN L. SOBELL.

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On September 17, 1968, source made available a letter dated September 5, 1968 titled, Committee to Free Morton Sobell, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, 10011.

LA 100-41648

This letter was circulated by the LACFWS. The letter includes a legal summary of the present status of SOBELL's case and asks the reader to direct a letter to the United States Attorney General, RAMSEY CLARK, Washington, D. C., to call attention to the SOBELL case. This same letter contains a P.S., asking for funds to carry on the legal fight. The letter is signed by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, HELEN SOBELL.

SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

EMMA LAZARUS  
FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMENS CLUBS  
(ELFWJC) (SEE APPENDIX)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SAN BERNARDINO-RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLUB  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COMMUNIST  
PARTY (SCDCP)

[REDACTED]

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APPENDIXCOMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

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The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on April 12, 1968, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS

A source advised on May 1, 1968, that the Emma Lazarus Jewish Women's Clubs of Los Angeles (ELJWC of LA) are affiliated with the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs with headquarters in New York, New York. The ELJWC of LA have been active from the early 1950's to the present time. Prior thereto the organization was known as the Emma Lazarus Division of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO). The JPFO has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The ELJWC of LA is controlled by officers who are either current members of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP) or who have had past affiliations with Communist Party dominated organizations. The Jewish Commission, SCDCP, exercises influence over the ELJWC of LA inasmuch as the President of the ELJWC of LA is also a member of the SCDCP Jewish Commission and the organization closely follows the Communist Party line.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS,  
SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued by the House Un-American Activities Committee dated December 1, 1961, Page 225, contains the following information concerning the Southern-California Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:

1. Cited as "one of the major Communist-dominated propaganda media on the Pacific Coast". It is located at 7410 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1955, pp. 392 and 393; also cited in 1951 Report, p. 268.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Los Angeles, California  
November 14, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Title COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c  
dated and captioned above, at  
Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED] b7d

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (# 42) b7c

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7d

DATE: 11/14/68

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
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**Dates of Contact**

11/1/68

**Titles and File #s on which contacted**


**Purpose and results of contact**

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

① - (100-107111) (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (41)  
1 - (100-132801) (LEAH SCHNEIDER) (47)  
1 - (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL) (41)

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NA Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

**Rating**

EXCELLENT

**Coverage**

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [redacted] bank records concerning the account named in the attached FD-302 on which pertinent information was recorded. b7c, d

Information herein obtained confidentially; source's name is not to be disclosed in report or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely that he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing.

The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained.

The original FD-302 is maintained in [redacted] b7d

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Date November 14, 1968

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The following checks were among those drawn against the bank account of SOBELL COMMITTEE:

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser
6460	10/1/68	Cash	\$132.31	Leah Schneider
6459	10/1/68	Cash	40.00	Helen Sobell
6462	10/7/68	150 Estates	190.00	Chase Manhattan (Oct. Rent)
6469	10/14/68	Qualified Answering	13.50	Chase Manhattan
6467	10/14/68	Forer & Rein	627.70	Nat'l Bank of Washington, D.C.
6468	10/14/68	Hecla Press	225.56	1st Nat'l City
6476	10/18/68	Crum & Forster Group	11.00	Marine Mid-Tr.
6482	10/30/68	Cash	132.31	Leah Schneider

The balance as of 10/31/68, \$828.63.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The officer to be subpoenaed is Mr. GEORGE MAJOR, Assistant Vice President, Chemical New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

Chemical New York Trust Co.  
154 5th Avenue

11/1/68

On \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ File # NY 100-107111by SA [REDACTED] 672 Date dictated 11/7/68

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387834)

11/22/68

SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530) (P\*)

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C; ISA OF 1960

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated May 22, 1968, *b7c*  
at Chicago.

A review of Chicago FBI files failed to reflect any pertinent activity on the part of the Chicago Sobell Committee, an affiliate of captioned Committee, since the submission of rerep.

Chicago informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are in positions to have information concerning the Chicago Sobell Committee, advised that they know of no activity on the part of the Chicago Sobell Committee since the date of rerep.

In view of the above, Chicago is not preparing a report concerning the Chicago Sobell Committee at this time but will continue to follow the activities of this Committee closely and submit a report by May 22, 1969, UACB.

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①-New York (100-147111) (RM)

1-Chicago

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 11/29/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/8 - 11/29/68
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL, aka Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY kra
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C; ISA, 1950	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/30/68. b7c

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The officers of the Committee to Free MORTON SOBELL named in this report are listed in the Security Index of the San Francisco Office.

This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because it contains data furnished by SF T-1, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and thus have an adverse effect upon the national defense interest of the United States.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:  PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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LEADS:

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report the activities of captioned organization in the San Francisco area. An information copy of this report is being furnished to the Los Angeles Office because of the close alliance between the Los Angeles Committee and the SOBELL Committee in San Francisco.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

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Report of:

Date:

11/29/68

Office: San Francisco

Field Office File #:

100-35117

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title:

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Synopsis:

The Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), continues to receive mail at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California. There is no official headquarters for the BACSC. WARREN BILLINGS and ESTHER LAMPEL continue as chairman and secretary, respectively, for the BACSC. A source advised on 11/20/68, that there have been no formal meetings of the Committee for the past 12 months.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), also known as the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, is contained in the Appendix of this report.

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BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES

I. HEADQUARTERS

As of November 20, 1968, there was no formal headquarters for the BACSC, although mail is still received by the BACSC at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California.

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II. OFFICERS

WARREN K. BILLING and ESTHER LAMPEL are chairman and secretary, respectively, for the BACSC.

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informed on February 25, 1952, that ESTHER SKLAR, also known as ESTHER LAMPEL, was Communist Party (CP) organizer of Unit 18, City Terrace Los Angeles County CP; that she had joined the CP in 1928, and that, in 1935, she was reported as having been transferred from New York, paying two cents dues a month. [REDACTED] stated SKLAR formerly had been a member of District 2, CP, New York, and, when she first came to Los Angeles, she had been assigned to Unit J-4, Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County CP, and was Dues Secretary of that Unit.

[REDACTED] Further stated that in 1938 ESTHER SKLAR, an unemployed millinery worker residing at 2422-1/2 Pomeroy Avenue, Los Angeles, California, who had held an executive position in Cap Makers Local 22, had attended the CP Workers School in

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Los Angeles, and was in 1938 assigned to the Needle Trades Unit 5, Industrial Section, Los Angeles County CP.

The December 3, 1961 issue of the "People's World" (PW) newspaper identified WARREN K. BILLINGS as the person who was "recently" pardoned for his participation in the 1916 Preparedness Day bombing with TOM MOONEY.

The PW is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

On March 27, 1953, WARREN K. BILLINGS informed Special Agents of the FBI that he was not and had never been a member of the CP, but described himself as a "philosophical anarchist."

### III. ACTIVITIES

The BACSC has not held any formal meetings during the past 12 months.

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BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES  
also known as  
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell,  
Northern California Council of Sobell Committees

A source advised on October 31, 1955, that the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC) was formed on October 17, 1955, in San Francisco, California, as the local affiliate of the National Sobell Committee to carry out the policies of the National Committee to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

On April 10, 1968, a second source advised that there was no formal headquarters of the BACSC but that mail is still received by the BACSC at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco. The BACSC is dormant at the present time and has not held any formal meetings during the past twelve months.

On December 18, 1959, a third source advised that MARY KRVAR, a member of the Warehouse Club, Communist Party (CP), East Bay Region, Oakland, California, and the paid organizer for the BACSC, has stated that the CP is interested in controlling the BACSC so that the BACSC will continue to follow the line of the National Sobell Committee in attempting to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

APPENDIX



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Francisco, California

November 29, 1968

Title COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

Character IS - C; ISA, 1950

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c  
at San Francisco, dated and  
captioned as above.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED] (INV) **b7D**

DATE: 12/9/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (42) **b7C**

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] **b7D**

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## Dates of Contact

12/2/68

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

1-100-107111 (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (41)

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[redacted] has furnished reliable  
information and has been made available to SA  
[redacted] with records concerning  
the account mentioned in the attached FD-302 on which  
pertinent information was recorded.

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Information hereon obtained confidentially;  
source's name is not to be disclosed in reports or  
otherwise unless it has been decided definitely that  
he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing.

The source no longer has custody of the  
basic documents from which the check information  
was obtained.

The original FD-302 is maintained in  
[redacted] (INV).

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 12/9/68

The following checks were among those drawn against the bank account of Sobell Committee:

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser
6488	11/6/68	Cash	\$132.31	LEAH SCHNEIDER
6487	11/6/68	150 Estates	190.00	Chase Man. #27 (Nov. Rent)
6498	11/27/68	Cash	132.31	LEAH SCHNEIDER
6499	11/27/68	Cash	574.00	LEAH SCHNEIDER

The balance as of 11/30/68, \$633.79.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The officer to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] Chemical New York Trust Company, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. b7D

On 12/2/68 at Chemical New York Trust Co. 154 Fifth Avenue File # NY 100-107111

by SA [REDACTED] b7C Date dictated 12/5/68

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